



Biography: Ralph Collins

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Deputy Site Project Manager Blue Grass Chemical Agent- Destruction Pilot Plant

Ralph Collins became the site deputy project manager for the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant in November 2005. He assists in managing the plant's field office and overseeing the systems contract with Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass.

Mr. Collins is a certified hazardous materials manager with over 36 years' experience in the public and private sectors as an environmental, energy and materials manager. He has worked closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Defense and Department of Energy on issues related to emergency response to natural disasters, accidental releases of hazardous materials, cleanup of hazardous waste sites, and the destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles.



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For 26 years, Mr. Collins served on active duty in the U.S. Navy in a variety of assignments involving petroleum management, facility operations and maintenance, government procurement and general logistics. Since then, he served as the deputy commissioner for the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection for eight years.

Mr. Collins represented the Commonwealth of Kentucky on the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment (ACWA) Dialogue, a national group established by ACWA consisting of representatives from the Department of Defense; state, tribal and federal government regulators; and diverse citizen interest groups. He was also the state chair for the Kentucky Environmental Working Integrated Process Team, which brought together state and Army officials to expedite the planning, development and implementation of all aspects of the environmental permitting process for the Blue Grass Army Depot.

He holds a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from the Ohio State University, an MBA degree from the University of Kansas, and a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.

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